Supreme Court of Florida

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015

CASE NO.: SC14-1812

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE

RE: DEBRA L. KRAUSE

NO. 14-454

Upon consideration of the Judicial Qualifications Commission's Amended Findings and Recommendation of Discipline and the parties' Stipulation, the Court rejects the Stipulation and disapproves the proposed sanction. On November 19, 2014, the Court denied the parties' joint motion to consolidate cases SC13-2263 and SC14-1812. The public reprimand and fine that the Court previously approved in SC13-2263 shall remain in place. In regards to the additional violation at issue in this case (SC14-1812), the Court would impose a thirty-day suspension without pay. Should the parties agree to these terms, a revised consent judgment shall be filed with the Court within thirty days of the date of this order.

If the parties do not agree to these terms, the parties must inform the Court within thirty days that they have not reached an agreement. In that event, this case (SC14-1812) will be returned for a hearing before the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission.

LABARGA, C.J., and PARIENTE, QUINCE, CANADY, and POLSTON, JJ., concur.

LEWIS, J., dissents. PERRY, J., recused.

A True Copy Test:

John A. Tomasino

Clerk, Supreme Court

STATE OF THE STATE

eg Served:

ALEXANDER JOHN WILLIAMS HON. JOHN MAX HARRIS, CHIEF JUDGE RONALD KOZLOWSKI LARRY GIBBS TURNER